

NEW SOUTH WALES



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1. EMPLOYMENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

(1) The estimates shown below are based on the Census of 1933 and subsequent quasi-censuses (e.g. Civilian Register, 1943 and Occupation Survey, 1945), and returns supplied monthly by governmental authorities and since July, 1941, by employers for purposes of Commonwealth Pay-roll Tax. (2) The number of employees recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns relates to those whose names appeared on the last pay-roll of the month irrespective of whether they were actually working at the end of the month. (3) Wage earners in rural industry, female domestics in private households, members of defence forces at home or abroad, and Government "relief" workers are not included.

Month.	Total Employees. (Excluding Rural Workers and Household Domestics.)			Employees in Main Industrial Groups †.									Professional and Personal Services. §
	Governmental.	Private.	Total.	Mining and Quarry- ing.	Fac- tories. ‡	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communi- cation.	Finance and Property.	Wholesale Trade.	Retail Trade.			
	*	†	‡										
MALES. (thousands.)													
1933—June ...	103.2	277.4	380.6	18.1	94.5	55.1	65.0	.....	78.4	.....	.....	.....	44.2
1939—July ...	136.5	393.4	529.9	24.7	158.8	57.9	77.4	.....	59.6	.....	.....	.....	56.6
1941—July ...	141.5	406.2	547.7	26.0	202.1	54.0	76.8	14.9	28.7	.....	.....	.....	49.3
1943—July ...	156.9	365.2	522.1	25.1	217.8	30.1	79.9	10.5	22.9	.....	.....	.....	39.6
1944—July ...	152.2	372.0	524.2	24.4	217.6	28.2	82.3	10.6	23.4	.....	.....	.....	42.6
1945—July ...	156.7	384.5	541.2	24.7	216.6	34.2	86.0	11.3	24.3	.....	.....	.....	45.8
1946—July ...	169.8	455.6	625.4	25.7	239.7	45.1	97.3	16.9	34.3	.....	.....	.....	57.0
1947—July ...	179.0	497.7	676.7	26.7	255.7	57.0	102.7	18.8	37.9	.....	.....	.....	62.9
1948—June ...	186.1	516.2	702.3	28.1	265.2	60.1	107.9	19.5	39.8	.....	.....	.....	64.7
July ...	186.8	515.4	702.2	28.0	265.2	61.1	107.4	19.5	39.6	.....	.....	.....	64.5
Oct. ...	188.0	516.7	704.7	26.4	265.3	61.9	108.4	19.6	40.9	.....	.....	.....	64.8
Nov. ...	188.7	519.4	708.1	27.3	266.4	62.2	107.8	19.7	41.1	.....	.....	.....	64.8
Dec. ...	189.9	520.4	710.3	27.6	265.7	61.5	108.3	19.9	41.3	.....	.....	.....	65.0
1949—Jan. ...	190.5	521.8	712.3	26.9	268.4	62.4	108.5	20.0	41.4	.....	.....	.....	65.3
Feb. ...	191.5	524.8	716.3	27.6	269.9	62.7	109.6	20.0	41.8	.....	.....	.....	66.0
Mar. ...	191.4	526.0	717.4	27.5	270.2	63.2	110.0	20.2	41.5	.....	.....	.....	66.2
April ...	191.8	526.1	717.9	27.3	268.6	64.4	109.5	20.3	42.2	.....	.....	.....	66.9
May ...	193.7	527.6	721.3	27.5	269.5	64.7	111.0	20.4	42.7	.....	.....	.....	66.4
June ¶	195.2	510.1	705.3	24.4	257.4	64.9	110.9	20.3	42.1	.....	.....	.....	66.0
FEMALES. (thousands.)													
1933—June ...	16.8	109.0	125.8	0.1	36.3	0.3	3.7	.....	33.6	.....	.....	.....	49.4
1939—July ...	19.4	148.6	168.0	0.1	59.3	0.5	4.2	.....	8.5	.....	.....	.....	49.1
1941—July ...	21.7	196.6	218.3	0.2	76.0	0.7	8.2	8.3	9.5	.....	.....	.....	60.2
1943—July ...	46.1	207.7	253.8	0.2	94.6	0.7	12.9	9.9	10.7	.....	.....	.....	65.9
1944—July ...	45.6	205.4	251.0	0.2	91.6	0.7	13.8	10.2	10.5	.....	.....	.....	67.7
1945—July ...	43.4	203.3	246.7	0.2	85.7	0.7	14.5	10.6	10.5	.....	.....	.....	69.6
1946—July ...	32.8	210.2	243.0	0.2	83.1	0.9	12.9	10.0	11.1	.....	.....	.....	73.3
1947—July ...	32.3	220.6	252.9	0.2	86.8	1.0	12.8	10.4	11.9	.....	.....	.....	77.1
1948—June ...	33.6	228.3	261.9	0.2	90.2	1.1	13.9	10.9	12.9	.....	.....	.....	79.6
July ...	33.4	229.3	262.7	0.3	91.1	1.1	13.8	10.9	13.6	.....	.....	.....	79.1
Oct. ...	33.7	233.8	267.5	0.3	93.5	1.1	13.9	11.0	13.6	.....	.....	.....	80.9
Nov. ...	33.9	235.8	269.7	0.3	93.9	1.1	13.9	11.0	13.8	.....	.....	.....	81.0
Dec. ...	34.1	237.0	271.1	0.2	93.1	1.1	14.1	11.0	13.6	.....	.....	.....	80.8
1949—Jan. ...	34.4	232.0	266.4	0.3	90.7	1.1	14.1	11.2	13.5	.....	.....	.....	81.2
Feb. ...	35.0	233.0	268.0	0.3	92.2	1.1	14.2	11.4	13.6	.....	.....	.....	81.3
Mar. ...	35.1	234.0	269.1	0.3	92.8	1.1	14.3	11.6	13.5	.....	.....	.....	81.7
April ...	35.2	233.8	269.0	0.3	93.0	1.1	14.3	11.6	13.6	.....	.....	.....	81.7
May ...	35.7	234.2	269.9	0.3	93.5	1.2	14.6	11.6	13.5	.....	.....	.....	81.7
June ¶	35.8	227.8	263.6	0.3	88.7	1.2	14.7	11.7	13.4	.....	.....	.....	80.7
PERSONS. (thousands.)													
1933—June ...	120.0	386.4	506.4	18.2	130.8	55.4	68.7	.....	112.0	.....	.....	.....	93.6
1939—July ...	155.9	542.0	697.9	24.8	218.1	58.4	81.6	.....	67.5	.....	.....	.....	105.7
1941—July ...	163.2	602.8	766.0	26.2	278.1	54.7	85.0	23.2	38.2	.....	.....	.....	109.5
1943—July ...	203.0	572.9	775.9	45.3	312.4	30.8	92.8	20.4	33.6	.....	.....	.....	105.5
1944—July ...	197.8	577.4	775.2	44.6	309.2	28.9	96.1	20.8	33.9	.....	.....	.....	110.3
1945—July ...	200.1	587.8	787.9	24.9	302.3	34.9	100.5	21.9	34.8	.....	.....	.....	115.4
1946—July ...	202.6	665.8	868.4	25.9	322.8	46.0	110.2	26.9	45.4	.....	.....	.....	130.3
1947—July ...	211.3	718.3	929.6	26.9	342.5	58.0	115.5	29.2	49.8	.....	.....	.....	140.0
1948—June ...	219.7	744.5	964.2	28.3	355.4	61.2	121.8	30.4	52.7	.....	.....	.....	144.3
July ...	220.2	744.7	964.9	28.3	356.3	62.2	121.2	30.4	53.2	.....	.....	.....	143.6
Oct. ...	221.7	750.5	972.2	26.7	358.8	63.0	122.3	30.6	54.5	.....	.....	.....	145.7
Nov. ...	222.6	755.2	977.8	27.6	360.3	63.3	121.7	30.7	54.9	.....	.....	.....	145.8
Dec. ...	224.0	757.4	981.4	27.8	358.8	62.6	122.4	30.9	54.9	.....	.....	.....	145.8
1949—Jan. ...	224.9	753.8	978.7	27.2	359.1	63.5	122.6	31.2	54.9	.....	.....	.....	146.5
Feb. ...	226.5	757.8	984.3	27.9	362.1	63.8	123.8	31.4	55.4	.....	.....	.....	147.3
Mar. ...	226.5	760.0	986.5	27.8	363.0	64.3	124.3	31.8	55.0	.....	.....	.....	147.9
April ...	227.0	759.9	986.9	27.6	361.6	65.5	123.8	31.9	55.8	.....	.....	.....	148.6
May ...	229.4	761.8	991.2	27.8	363.0	65.9	125.6	32.0	56.2	.....	.....	.....	148.1
June ¶	231.0	737.9	968.9	24.7	346.1	66.1	125.6	32.0	55.5	.....	.....	.....	146.7

* Employees of Commonwealth, State and Local Governmental Authorities and of Allied Governments.

† Exclusive of Working Proprietors. ‡ From July, 1948, subject to revision. § Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services. ¶ Affected by an industrial dispute in coal mines and

•wer restrictions. See note (2) above.

2. N.S.W. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

REVENUE AND WORKING EXPENSES.

	Month of June.			Year ended 30th June.		
	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.	Gross Revenue. †	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1946 ...	2,576,103	2,404,702‡	171,401	31,313,410	24,933,674	6,379,736
1947 ...	2,382,173	2,933,402‡	(-) 551,229	30,352,710	25,885,577	4,467,133
1948 ...	3,305,871	3,552,171‡	(-) 246,300	36,905,862	31,014,667	5,891,195
1949 ...	3,203,929	3,822,266‡	(-) 618,337	39,663,461	35,738,833	3,924,628

* Excluding capital charges, such as interest, exchange, etc.

† Excluding Government contribution, £800,000 annually, for developmental lines.

‡ Includes amounts not applicable to a particular month.

TRAFFIC.

	Month of June.		Year ended 30th June.	
	Tonnage of Goods (exc. Livestock).	Passenger Journeys.	Tonnage of Goods (exc. Livestock).	Passenger Journeys.
	thousands.			
1946 ...	1,376	21,763	15,872	267,423
1947 ...	1,393	23,209	16,539	261,644
1948 ...	1,400	20,547	17,407	263,047
1949 ...	1,074	20,440	16,903	263,116

Railway passenger fares and freight rates were increased from 13th August, 1947.

3. TRAMWAYS AND OMNIBUSES.

SERVICES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ROAD TRANSPORT, NEW SOUTH WALES.

PERIOD.	SYDNEY AND SUBURBS.					NEWCASTLE AND SUBURBS.		
	Earnings.			Working Expenses.*	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.	Earnings.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.
	Tram.	'Bus.	Total.					
Month of June—	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1946 ...	310,152	110,345	420,497	462,384†	(-) 41,887	46,076	53,909†	(-) 7,833
1947 ...	326,272	114,908	441,180	493,640†	(-) 52,460	48,405	59,647†	(-) 11,242
1948 ...	383,823	183,582	567,405	639,764†	(-) 72,359	59,357	60,572†	(-) 1,215
1949 ...	355,476	266,592	622,068	705,997†	(-) 83,929	68,504	78,959†	(-) 10,455
Year ended 30th June—	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1946 ...	4,070,752	1,301,545	5,372,297	5,285,884	86,413	563,376	540,409	22,967
1947 ...	4,079,672	1,432,608	5,512,280	5,624,640	(-) 112,360	593,505	602,947	(-) 9,442
1948 ...	4,983,623	2,127,282	7,110,905	7,151,064	(-) 40,159	743,457	744,372	(-) 915
1949 ...	4,821,976	3,061,592	7,883,568	7,737,197	146,371	857,404	842,959	14,445

* Exclusive of Sinking Fund, Interest on Loan Capital, Exchange and Depreciation (Sydney and Newcastle), which amounted to £634,816 in year 1947-48.

† Includes amounts not applicable to a particular month.

Fares on tramways and Government omnibuses were increased from 1st July, 1947, and 29th November, 1948.

4. MOTOR VEHICLES ON THE REGISTER IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

At end of Month.	Cars. *	Public Passenger Vehicles.†	Lorries, Utilities and Vans.	Total of Foregoing.	Cycles.		Traders' Plates.	Tractors. †	Trailers.	Total on Register.
					Solo.	Side-car.				
1939—June ...	213,331	4,807	76,726	294,864	17,180	6,971	1,164	1,035	6,414	327,628
1946— " ...	188,191	5,213	97,176	290,580	15,546	4,946	848	2,056	11,067	325,043
1947— " ...	195,857	5,031	113,544	315,032	19,316	5,856	1,160	2,374	14,712	358,450
1948— " ...	210,506	6,262	127,413	344,181	23,501	6,575	1,438	3,398	18,317	397,410
Sept. ...	216,777	6,400	131,085	354,262	24,900	6,738	1,581	3,712	18,928	410,121
Dec. ...	222,104	6,489	134,620	363,213	26,454	6,944	1,637	3,996	20,181	422,425
1949—Jan. ...	223,332	6,476	135,364	365,172	26,825	6,947	1,623	4,056	20,624	425,247
Feb. ...	224,722	6,481	135,932	367,135	27,436	6,942	1,643	4,121	20,835	428,112
March ...	226,768	6,536	137,267	370,571	27,911	7,108	1,690	4,226	21,006	432,512
April ...	228,456	6,571	138,313	373,340	28,504	7,079	1,727	4,282	21,209	436,141
May ...	231,015	6,623	139,314	376,952	28,829	7,104	1,760	4,380	21,362	440,477
June ...	232,837	6,635	140,338	379,810	29,198	7,181	1,781	4,455	21,525	443,950

* Excluding public passenger vehicles.

† Excluding tractors used on farms only.

‡ Classification of Public Passenger Vehicles at 30th June, 1949, was:—

	Omnibuses.	Taxicabs.	Hire Cars.	Tourist Vehicles.
Metropolitan and Newcastle	1,634	1,647	503	126
Other Districts	1,313	965	447	

5. NEW MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

Period.	Cars.	Lorries, Utilities and Vans.	Taxicabs. *	Omnibuses. *	Cycles.	Tractors. †	Trailers.	Total.
Year ended June—								
1939 ...	19,924	7,712	560	130	2,196	209	1,505	32,245
1946 ...	526	3,234	Nil.	54	681	318	1,613	6,426
1947 ...	7,998	5,487	7	116	2,850	254	2,950	19,662
1948 ...	16,059	9,079	133	329	4,451	551	2,970	34,172
1949 ...	25,466	11,074	186	339	7,442	806	3,371	49,284
Month—								
1948—June ...	1,852	912	19	23	418	68	150	3,447
Oct. ...	2,096	936	27	34	548	68	245	3,954
Nov. ...	1,795	975	21	50	669	72	309	3,891
Dec. ...	1,783	996	16	31	701	49	692	4,268
1949—Jan. ...	1,237	617	14	12	495	55	420	2,850
Feb. ...	1,702	683	8	24	737	53	238	3,445
March ...	2,423	1,207	19	17	797	82	228	4,773
April ...	2,222	1,006	9	14	681	58	242	4,232
May ...	2,950	1,126	10	24	644	88	204	5,046
June ...	2,336	1,115	14	22	508	58	190	4,243

* Metropolitan and Newcastle Districts only; similar vehicles in other districts are included as cars.

† Excluding tractors used on farms only.

6. WIRELESS LICENSES.

BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENSES IN FORCE IN N.S.W.

End of Month.	1939.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
January ...	423,649	570,080	608,306	699,023	712,718
February ...	427,211	570,952	606,880	702,658	717,648
March ...	427,964	573,205	616,114	702,890	721,625
April ...	428,848	576,218	618,385	710,944	714,659
May ...	431,149	575,144	663,518	693,550	709,694
June ...	433,029	575,864	679,505	699,259	706,452
July ...	433,972	580,747	686,633	703,745	
August ...	431,029	583,172	691,944	703,963	
September ...	432,795	585,985	698,312	704,106	
October ...	435,573	588,321	698,539	705,866	
November ...	440,335	591,001	698,416	712,152	
December ...	441,934	598,643	703,577	710,542	

7. PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT BUILDING IN N.S.W.

ESTIMATED COST.—New Buildings, Alterations and Additions.

Private building figures relate in years marked * to permits issued by local councils of the Metropolis, 129 country towns and 7 extra-metropolitan Shires; and in periods marked † to permits issued by *all* local councils.

Government building figures relate to contracts let and works authorised or commenced by Commonwealth, State or local authorities.

Period.	Metropolis.			Remainder of State.			Total, New South Wales.		
	Private.	Govt.	Total.	Private.	Govt.	Total.	Private.	Govt.	Total.
Year.	£ thousand.								
1940* ...	11,718	894	12,612	4,887	2,672	7,559	16,605	3,566	20,171
1944* ...	1,603	1,606	3,209	869	2,304	3,173	2,472	3,910	6,382
1945* ...	5,271	3,662	8,933	4,630	1,638	6,268	9,901	5,300	15,201
1946* ...	18,070	3,794	21,864	13,506	2,651	16,157	31,576	6,445	38,021
1947* ...	20,252	4,299	24,551	16,596	3,023	19,619	36,848	7,322	44,170
1947† ...	20,252	4,299	24,551	21,565	3,023	24,588	41,817	7,322	49,139
1948† ...	22,595	6,244	28,839	26,848	5,099	31,947	49,443	11,343	60,786
Jan.—June†									
1948 ...	10,578	3,138	13,716	12,744	2,381	15,125	23,322	5,519	28,841
1949 ...	13,045	3,367	16,412	15,079	2,710	17,789	28,124	6,077	34,201
Month†									
1948 — Apl.	1,799	846	2,645	2,440	364	2,804	4,239	1,210	5,449
May	2,037	619	2,656	2,594	393	2,987	4,631	1,012	5,643
June	1,976	570	2,546	2,348	546	2,894	4,324	1,116	5,440
1949 — Apl.	2,146	908	3,054	2,337	389	2,726	4,483	1,297	5,780
May	2,464	445	2,909	2,744	680	3,424	5,208	1,125	6,333
June	2,011	331	2,342	2,920	223	3,143	4,931	554	5,485

* and † see notes above Table.

8. PRIVATE BUILDING, PERMITS ISSUED BY COUNCILS, N.S.W.

ESTIMATED COST.—New Buildings, Alterations and Additions.

Period.	County of Cumberland.			Remainder of State.	Total, New South Wales.
	Metropolis.	Balance of Cumberland.	Total.		
Year.	£ thousand.				
1939* ...	12,220	1,360	13,580	4,002	17,582
1943* ...	1,361	139	1,500	369	1,869
1944* ...	1,603	353	1,956	516	2,472
1945* ...	5,271	2,677	7,948	1,953	9,901
1946* ...	18,070	6,830	24,900	6,676	31,576
1947* ...	20,252	7,944	28,196	8,652	36,848
1947† ...	20,252	7,944	28,196	13,621	41,817
1948† ...	22,595	10,745	33,340	16,103	49,443
Jan.—June† ...					
1948 ...	10,578	5,197	15,775	7,547	23,322
1949 ...	13,045	5,589	18,634	9,490	28,124
Month† ...					
1948—Apl.	1,799	940	2,739	1,500	4,239
May	2,037	1,310	3,347	1,284	4,631
June	1,976	852	2,828	1,496	4,324
1949—Apl.	2,146	921	3,067	1,416	4,483
May	2,464	1,031	3,495	1,713	5,208
June	2,011	1,080	3,091	1,840	4,931

* and † see notes above Table 7.

9. PRINCIPAL CLASSES OF BUILDING—PRIVATE & GOVERNMENT—N.S.W.

(Permits issued by all Local Councils and Government Building as defined above Table 7).

ESTIMATED COST.—New Buildings, Alterations and Additions.

Period.	Houses.	Flats (inc. conversions)	Hotels, Guest Houses, etc.	Shops with Dwellings.	Shops only.	Factories.	Other Buildings.	Total.
£ thousand.								
METROPOLIS.								
Year, 1947 ...	16,524	1,373	167	163	183	3,471	2,670	24,551
" 1948 ...	19,882	1,774	86	271	180	3,676	2,970	28,839
Jan.—June, 1948 ...	9,481	967	7	182	58	1,760	1,261	13,716
" 1949 ...	11,610	1,036	6	128	85	1,648	1,899	16,412
Month								
1948—April ...	1,663	104	1	16	11	469	381	2,645
May... ..	2,035	223	2	23	24	155	194	2,656
June ...	1,824	203	2	58	9	292	158	2,546
1949—April ...	2,088	361	1	11	12	127	454	3,054
May... ..	2,120	101	2	22	18	280	306	2,909
June ...	1,831	59	2	26	16	243	165	2,342
REMAINDER OF STATE.								
Year, 1947 ...	20,516	209	313	306	387	849	1,918	24,588
" 1948 ...	26,337	493	161	296	175	1,748	2,737	31,947
Jan.—June, 1948 ...	12,345	240	39	138	73	991	1,299	15,125
" 1949 ...	14,610	250	51	142	139	677	1,920	17,789
Month								
1948—April ...	2,246	40	14	28	18	306	152	2,804
May... ..	2,283	40	2	17	9	385	245	2,987
June ...	2,437	35	...	36	13	147	226	2,894
1949—April ...	2,356	72	1	31	13	90	163	2,726
May... ..	2,619	51	23	31	34	137	529	3,424
June ...	2,779	27	4	32	21	52	228	3,143
TOTAL, NEW SOUTH WALES.								
Year, 1947 ...	37,040	1,672	480	469	570	4,320	4,588	49,139
" 1948 ...	46,219	2,267	247	567	355	5,424	5,707	60,786
Jan.—June, 1948 ...	21,826	1,207	46	320	131	2,751	2,560	28,841
" 1949 ...	26,220	1,286	57	270	224	2,325	3,819	34,201
Month								
1948—April ...	3,909	144	15	44	29	775	533	5,449
May... ..	4,318	269	4	40	33	540	439	5,643
June ...	4,261	238	2	94	22	439	384	5,140
1949—April ...	4,444	433	2	42	25	217	617	5,780
May... ..	4,739	212	25	53	52	417	835	6,333
June ...	4,610	86	6	58	37	295	393	5,485

10. NUMBER OF DWELLINGS IN HOUSES AND FLATS— AUTHORISED, COMMENCED, COMPLETED.

(Private and Government, including owner-built houses, but excluding some new houses on farms and military huts converted into temporary dwellings.)

Period.	County of Cumberland.			Total, New South Wales.		
	Authorised*.	Commenced.	Completed.	Authorised*.	Commenced.	Completed.
1947—March Qtr. ...	4,081	2,590	1,603	6,660	4,454	2,774
June Qtr. ...	4,699	2,996	2,061	7,644	5,016	3,414
Sept. Qtr. ...	5,006	3,259	2,328	7,972	5,204	3,620
Dec. Qtr. ...	4,156	3,045	2,236	6,973	4,911	3,748
Year, 1947 ...	17,942	11,890	8,228	29,249	19,585	13,556
1948—March Qtr. ...	3,876	3,124	2,115	6,499	4,772	3,640
June Qtr. ...	5,025	3,832	2,613	8,232	6,013	4,497
Sept. Qtr. ...	4,616	3,952	2,897	7,782	6,210	4,571
Dec. Qtr. ...	5,309	3,308	3,453	8,470	5,393	5,423
Year, 1948 ...	18,826	14,216	11,078	30,983	22,397	18,041
1949—March Qtr. ...	4,891	3,254	2,476	8,087	5,140	3,950
June Qtr. ...	5,364	3,602	3,034	8,778	5,835	4,814

* Permits issued for private dwellings plus contracts let for Governmental dwellings.

At end of June, 1949, there were 24,656 dwellings in houses and flats "remaining uncompleted" in N.S.W.

11. RAINFALL—INDEX.

(Normal rainfall for each month = 100.)

Month.	Sheep Districts.					Wheat Districts.				Dairying Districts (Coastal only).			
	N.	C.	S.	W.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.
1948.													
June ...	202	204	102	214	171	168	171	111	134	363	194	156	293
July ...	79	23	33	28	43	73	19	35	36	20	29	17	23
August ...	53	68	50	70	58	50	67	52	56	58	41	14	48
September ...	131	113	70	72	100	129	91	72	84	167	185	40	155
October ...	27	40	119	55	64	26	49	110	84	6	20	81	11
November ...	81	65	98	49	79	74	61	102	88	96	46	60	73
December ...	96	71	126	106	100	111	79	123	110	63	72	98	70
1949.													
January ...	95	83	55	41	73	111	78	52	66	83	147	126	105
February ...	224	174	114	181	170	225	167	112	140	115	222	138	145
March ...	99	147	227	388	186	64	152	248	200	161	165	145	160
April ...	91	82	51	85	75	118	72	56	68	79	79	37	74
May ...	45	98	129	165	101	41	91	120	103	82	68	138	85
June ...	111	105	56	46	84	110	112	37	65	99	282	317	174
July ...	63	62	104	62	76	51	65	111	92	85	143	61	97

N.—Northern; C.—Central; S.—Southern; W.—Western; T.—Total, all districts.

12. WOOL.

The total production of wool in New South Wales was 422,260,000 lb. in 1947-48, compared with 432,621,000 lb. in 1946-47 and an average of 492,436,000 lb. in the five seasons 1941-42 to 1945-46.

The average price of greasy wool sold at auction in New South Wales was 46·8d. per lb in the year ended June, 1949, compared with 37·9d. per lb., in 1947-48 and 23·6d. per lb. in 1946-47. New season's auctions commence in Sydney on 29th August, 1949.

NEW SOUTH WALES WOOL SALES (EXCLUDING ALBURY).

Selling Centre.	Season ended 30th June.	Bales Received into Store during—		Sales at Auction during Year ended 30th June.*			Bales in Store Unsold at end of June.†
		June.	Year ended 30th June.	Bales.		Amount Realised.	
				Greasy.	Scoured.		
Sydney		No.	No.	No.	No.	£	No.
	1946-47	36,660	922,829	817,661	72,146	26,905,743	34,514
	1947-48	32,636	869,236	799,204	82,949	42,881,052	13,720
	1948-49	38,153	998,899	854,799	70,575	53,698,504	75,703
Newcastle							
	1946-47	4,568	158,190	153,983	185	4,550,714	4,563
	1947-48	2,627	152,149	148,561	65	7,555,761	1,234
	1948-49	3,669	181,092	170,156	29	10,193,120	2,769
Goulburn							
	1946-47	179	42,671	42,370	...	1,453,447	311
	1947-48	465	46,864	47,007	...	2,535,632	168
	1948-49	1,073	54,376	54,055	...	3,439,353	489
Total							
	1946-47	41,407	1,123,690	1,014,014	72,331	32,909,904	39,388
	1947-48	35,728	1,068,249	994,772	83,014	52,972,445	15,122
	1948-49	42,895	1,234,367	1,079,010	70,604	67,330,977	78,961

*Includes small quantities of wool bought-in by the Joint Organisation; sales from stocks held by J.O. are excluded.

† Excluding stocks held by J.O.

13. WHEAT.

Production in New South Wales. Compiled from returns of wheatgrowers.

Season.	Area under Wheat.		Yield of Grain.	
	Total.	Harvested For Grain.	Total.	Average per Acre.
	acres.	acres.	bushels.	bushels.
Average—1934-35 to 1943-44 ...	4,296,000	3,937,000	51,635,000	13·1
1944-45 ...	3,174,000	2,845,000	17,134,000	6·0
1945-46 ...	4,213,000	3,774,000	62,520,000	16·6
1946-47 ...	4,773,000	4,475,000	15,682,000	3·5
1947-48 ...	5,355,000	5,043,000	95,227,000	18·9
1948-49* ...	4,570,000	4,280,000	66,000,000	15·4

* Preliminary estimate by Statistician, February, 1949.

14. BUTTER OUTPUT—N.S.W. FACTORIES.

Month.	Average, 1937-38 to 1939-40.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.
thousand lb.							
July ...	5,061	3,313	2,462	3,286	2,641	3,004	2,701
August ...	5,361	3,279	3,065	4,008	2,758	2,833	3,435
September ...	7,093	4,933	5,397	5,007	3,254	4,025	4,623
October ...	10,107	8,626	8,483	7,557	4,446	6,464	7,309
November ...	13,128	11,553	8,169	7,387	5,070	6,858	7,456
December ...	13,471	13,079	7,532	8,820	6,372	10,628	8,336
January ...	12,310	12,821	8,004	8,146	6,386	11,369	8,632
February ...	11,816	10,184	6,769	8,146	7,384	8,689	8,243
March ...	11,370	8,440	8,261	8,498	8,051	8,214	9,022
April ...	10,044	5,165	5,811	6,185	5,741	6,146	6,781
May ...	8,145	3,870	4,477	4,468	4,458	4,753	4,551
June ...	6,024	2,594	3,287	2,772	3,824	3,083	3,430
Year ...	113,930	87,857	71,722	74,280	60,385	76,066	74,519

15. COAL PRODUCTION IN N.S.W.—Thousand Tons.

Source—Joint Coal Board.

Periods of Four Weeks.*	Last day of Period. (1949 dates.)	1942.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
First Period ended on ...	...	24th Jan.	22nd Jan.	20th Jan.	19th Jan.	1st Feb.	31st Jan.	29th Jan.
First† ...	29th Jan.	731	625	640	519	859‡	539	513
Second ...	26th Feb.	933	774	867	860	796	918	954
Third ...	26th Mar.	981	781	893	913	833	869	929
Fourth ...	23rd April	886	782	755	859	804	964	908
Fifth ...	21st May	1,003	930	791	674	773	878	970
Sixth ...	18th June	965	866	914	906	990	883	927
Seventh ...	16th July	918	884	846	798	992	941	224
Eighth ...	13th Aug.	953	884	914	846	995	984	
Ninth ...	10th Sept.	1,028	880	778	911	994	1,061	
Tenth ...	8th Oct.	984	970	842	975	979	1,024	
Eleventh ...	5th Nov.	973	870	759	1,017	1,092	696	
Twelfth ...	3rd Dec.	965	891	869	976	1,130	1,134	
Thirteenth† ...	31st Dec.	886	906	308	932	446	830	
Year ...	...	12,206	11,043	10,176	11,186	11,683	11,721	
Output—"Open Cuts" incl. above...	...	56	180	523	756	959	1,255	
Period of 28 weeks ended—	...	11th July.	8th July.	7th July.	6th July.	19th July.	17th July.	16th July.
Northern District ...	...	4,368	3,823	3,712	3,748	4,060	3,913	3,472
Western District ...	...	859	836	890	859	997	1,020	1,000
Southern District* ...	...	1,190	983	1,104	922	990	1,059	953
Total (28 weeks)* ...	...	6,417	5,642	5,706	5,529	6,047	5,992	5,425
Output—"Open Cuts" incl. above .....	...	60	261	345	479	635	655	

* The four-weekly periods Southern District ended a week later than in other districts in years 1942 to 1947.

† Miners' mid-summer holidays were:—In 1st period—1942, Public holidays only; 1944 and 1945, one week; 1946, two weeks; 1948, one week; 1949, two weeks; and in 13th period—1947, two weeks; 1948, one week.

‡ Four-weekly periods changed.

16. MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS—NEW SOUTH WALES.

The following statistics of production are obtained principally by means of returns collected monthly from producers by the Government Statistician of N.S.W. in conjunction with the Commonwealth Statistician. The figures for 1948-49 are subject to revision on receipt of annual returns.

FOOD AND DRINK.

Period.	Butter. *	Cheese. *	Processed Whole Milk Products.	Bacon and Ham.	Jam.	Preserved Fruit.	Preserved Vegetables.
	thousand lb.						
Year—							
1938-39...	113,841	7,193	14,357	25,987	20,635	28,387	4,902
1946-47...	60,385	4,544	38,302	35,310	51,936	27,408	25,958
1947-48...	76,066	5,909	46,475	31,614	58,978	30,556	25,480
1948-49...	74,519	5,562	43,945	28,523	34,310	27,678	25,259
Month—							
1948—July	2,701	160	1,816	2,617	4,879	158	560
Aug.	3,435	233	2,358	2,486	4,434	206	837
Sept.	4,623	377	3,616	2,567	3,492	175	1,596
Oct.	7,309	681	4,794	2,138	2,109	99	1,937
Nov.	7,456	632	4,738	2,245	1,859	104	2,401
Dec.	8,336	625	4,486	2,848	3,888	3,759	900
1949—Jan.	8,632	625	4,448	1,854	3,726	1,298	2,445
Feb.	8,243	563	4,808	2,091	2,007	4,483	4,127
March	9,022	633	4,637	2,571	2,088	15,796	3,053
April	6,781	488	3,883	2,230	1,859	733	3,987
May	4,551	313	2,205	2,552†	2,606	633	2,000
June	4,430	232	2,156	2,324	1,363	234	1,416

* Production in factories only.

† Revised.

Period.	Flour.	Bran (Wheaten).	Pollard (Wheaten).	Oatmeal and Rolled Oats.	Cornflour (incl. Edible Starch).	Malt.	Biscuits. *
	tons (2,000 lb.)	tons (2,000 lb.)	tons (2,000 lb.)	cwt.	cwt.	bushels.	thous. lb.
Year—							
1938-39...	547,162	107,779	121,154	82,706	†	640,915	43,611
1946-47...	537,389	98,231	124,334	152,515	158,589	608,650	47,512
1947-48...	532,460	97,375	119,840	163,130	138,203	656,696	48,068
1948-49...	641,606	114,400	151,193	161,680	142,365	636,655	54,684
Month—							
1948—July	61,696	10,859	13,265	23,783	12,108	59,484	4,279
Aug.	61,645	11,313	13,890	14,500	11,466	54,851	4,232
Sept.	57,872	10,715	13,204	10,112	12,062	56,626	4,788
Oct.	56,617	10,330	12,705	7,329	11,083	53,860	5,282
Nov.	55,397	10,065	13,562	6,408	12,515	54,107	4,539
Dec.	49,150	8,654	12,111	4,861	11,601	44,577	4,580
1949—Jan.	55,235	9,793	13,344	8,514	6,794	37,537	3,236
Feb.	51,408	9,196	12,391	10,353	12,533	47,530	4,580
March	53,863	9,798	13,226	16,294	13,200	54,379	5,073
April	41,431	7,154	9,889	19,067	12,081	52,356	5,144
May	47,027	7,914	11,432	21,894	13,087	62,765	5,350
June	50,265	8,604	12,084	18,565	13,835	58,583	3,601

* Excluding ice cream cones.

† Not available.

Period.	Margarine.		Ice Cream.	Confectionery.		Beer.
	Table.	Other.		Chocolate.	Other.	
	thous. lb.	thous. lb.	thous. gal.	thous. lb.	thous. lb.	thous. gal.
Year—						
1938-39...	4,492	22,475	2,233	21,988	26,811	33,899
1946-47...	9,206	21,570	5,278	28,460	35,169	50,654
1947-48...	5,177	27,938	5,852	27,799	34,896	45,626
1948-49...	12,022	33,292	6,944	28,858	32,243	55,630
Month—						
1948—July	805	3,100	316	2,688	3,125	4,662
Aug.	905	2,883	449	2,924	3,106	4,627
Sept.	1,108	3,498	573	2,714	3,137	4,794
Oct.	1,097	2,908	610	2,638	2,982*	4,737
Nov.	1,353	3,012	695	2,324*	2,811*	5,024
Dec.	1,028	2,588	814	1,905*	2,375*	4,876
1949—Jan.	886	1,595	747	1,207	1,632*	4,679
Feb.	996	2,690	799	2,036	2,537*	4,516
March	1,315	2,740	671	2,453*	2,822	5,128
April	804	2,480	492	2,294*	2,413*	3,692
May	1,041	2,874	449	3,112	3,019	5,090
June	684	2,922	329	2,563	2,284	3,805

* Revised.

16. MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS—NEW SOUTH WALES—*continued.*

METALS, COAL AND ENERGY.

Period.	Gold.	Coal.	Coke (Metallurg.).	Pig Iron.	Ingot Steel.	Gas.	Electricity.
	fine oz.	thous. tons.	thous. tons.	thous. tons.	thous. tons.	million cub. ft.	million k.W.h.
Year—							
1938-39	88,488	11,196*	1,136†	1,105†	1,168†	10,896	1,948
1946-47	43,607	11,212	1,184†	926†	1,312†	16,744	3,229
1947-48	50,599	11,780	1,366†	1,030†	1,343†	18,093	3,546
1948-49	63,768	11,736	1,116	897	1,129	18,161	3,718
Month—							
1948—July	4,287	1,087	95	70	94§	1,539	341
Aug.	5,477	1,120	111	78	104§	1,663	324
Sept.	5,617	1,139	114	84	107§	1,586	317
Oct.	5,597	934	83	74	91§	1,518	307
Nov.	4,708	994	79	54	65§	1,449	305
Dec.	5,712	1,039	100	83	105§	1,441	298
1949—Jan.	5,376	561	79	68	88§	1,422	284
Feb.	3,745	955	92	71	98§	1,328	288
March	5,697	1,075	102	79	103§	1,531	324
April	3,808	920	84	77	91§	1,536	299
May	7,169	1,127	107	90	113§	1,730	336
June	6,575	776†	70	69	70	1,418	295

* Year ended 31st December, 1939.

† Year ended 31st May.

‡ Preliminary total for July, 2,650 tons.

§ Revised.

MISCELLANEOUS METAL PRODUCTS.

Period.	Engines (Internal Combustion).		Electric Motors.		Motor Bodies.		Cycles.
	Marine.	Other.	Under 1 h.p.	Over 1 h.p.	Trucks, Trailers and Vans.	All Other.	
Year—	Number.	Number.	Number.	Number.	Number.	Number.	Number.
1938-39	977	1,214	26,671*	82,382*	3,553	2,023	36,416
1946-47	2,803	8,943	80,465*	25,533*	2,071	774	30,259
1947-48	2,839	11,165	79,169	31,566	2,384	988	28,567
1948-49	2,331	14,025			3,113	1,122	27,577
Month—							
1948—July	224	1,063	7,863	2,940	267	78	2,666†
Aug.	253	1,054	8,329	2,965	285	101	2,189†
Sept.	237	1,226	8,067	3,384	285	108	2,356†
Oct.	220	1,372	7,056	2,657	265	105	2,307†
Nov.	181	1,239	7,139	2,433	293	120	3,117†
Dec.	173	1,065	6,345	2,145	237	99	4,007†
1949—Jan.	130	669	4,604	1,709	195	65	1,154†
Feb.	184	1,136	6,758	2,533	231	92	1,901†
March	177	1,303	7,999	2,921	269	86	2,084†
April	194	1,371	5,061	3,933	220	71	2,032†
May	205	1,335	5,729	2,659	294†	103†	2,552†
June	153	1,192	4,219	2,187	272	94	1,812

* Electric motors for sale as such; monthly totals include electric motors incorporated in finished products of the establishment. † Revised.

CLOTHING.

Period.	Hats (Felt).	Corsets and Corselets.	Brassieres.	Gloves.		Boots and Shoes. †	Slippers.
				Dress.	Work.*		
Year—	doz.	doz.	doz.	doz. pairs.	doz. pairs.	thous. pairs.	thous. pairs.
1938-39	135,262	46,112	35,424	1,265	38,553	4,767	3,107
1946-47	142,781	37,287	87,564	16,562	119,560	7,201	3,041
1947-48	140,662	44,285	84,495	13,866	104,793	6,250	3,143
1948-49	§	46,653	108,904	9,503	114,615	§	§
Month—							
1948—July	10,675	4,287	7,907	963	9,802	†	†
Aug.	10,180	3,932	8,218	1,093	9,059	†	†
Sept.	13,358	4,180	9,449	1,056	11,462	†	†
Oct.	13,170	3,709	8,602	876	11,211	†	†
Nov.	16,044	3,766	9,606	1,036	12,562	†	†
Dec.	8,539	4,455	8,652	698	10,277	†	†
1949—Jan.	10,299	2,212	5,723	603	7,367	391	141
Feb.	13,001	3,741	9,379	599	8,723	455	234
March	15,629	5,271	12,507	856	10,457	535	334
April	11,923	3,613	8,638	591	7,546	389	241
May	§	3,762	10,459	666	9,469	486	265
June	§	3,725	9,764	466	6,680	394	282

* Excluding rubber gloves. † Includes sandals but not rubber footwear. ‡ Not available. § Not yet available.

16. MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS—NEW SOUTH WALES—*continued.*

BUILDING MATERIALS AND FITTINGS.

Period.	Sawn Timber (Native).	Bricks.	Tiles.		Asbestos Cement Building Sheets.	Fibrous Plaster Sheets.	Cement.
			Terra Cotta.	Cement.			
Year—	million sup. ft.	thousands.	thousands.	thousands.	thousand sq. yd.	thousand sq. yd.	tons.
1938-39	179.4	379,236	20,129	*	5,291	2,671	432,487
1946-47	300.9	249,533	19,523	230	9,657	3,397	393,397
1947-48	332.6	303,221	21,594	2,841	9,018	3,985	441,023
1948-49	347.7	†	†	†	8,566	†	484,529
Month—							
1948—July	29.9	26,358	2,034	481	798	404	41,939
Aug.	23.4	30,519	2,183	517	675	423	42,570
Sept.	30.3	32,645	2,352	582	837	438	42,275
Oct.	32.9	27,577	2,102	520	860	399	42,757
Nov.	32.0	28,705	2,197	469	729	431	34,803
Dec.	30.4	26,282	1,802	434	630	358	29,848
1949—Jan.	37.2	17,021	1,371	370	647	320	27,539
Feb.	25.7	26,436	1,979	428	713	408	40,578
March	24.6	29,725	2,025	532	715	471	46,243
April	25.5	24,872	1,804	424	664	432	39,745
May	23.0	30,723	2,052	516	788	492	56,660
June	30.8	†	†	†	510	†	39,572

* Not available.

† Not yet available.

Period.	Paint (Oil).	Lacquers, Enamels, etc.	Stoves—Cooking—Domestic.				Gas Meters.
			Solid Fuel.	Gas.	Electric.		
					Stoves.	Stovettes.	
Year—	thous. gal.	thous. gal.	Number.	Number.	Number.	Number.	Number.
1938-39	*	863	17,154	17,736	4,930		24,619
1946-47	1,568	1,138	12,933	12,883	31,221		32,675
1947-48	1,762	1,404	11,748	14,627	8,942	27,912	43,552
1948-49	†	†	12,569	24,111	14,128	†	43,989
Month—							
1948—July	*	*	1,346	2,259	740	*	3,911
Aug.	*	*	1,139	2,533	815	*	4,195
Sept.	*	*	1,399	1,859	755	*	3,984
Oct.	*	*	1,138	1,721	1,432	*	3,894
Nov.	*	*	1,182	2,026	1,331	*	4,102
Dec.	*	*	925	1,915	1,361	*	2,569
1949—Jan.	90	73	599	1,468	878	*	2,420
Feb.	156	137	1,061	2,188	1,622	*	4,147
March	179	150	1,039	2,291	1,340	*	4,246
April	131	114	960	2,129	1,765	*	3,849
May	†	†	1,130	2,210	1,256	*	3,865
June	†	†	711	1,512	833	*	2,807

* Not available.

† Not yet available.

Period.	Baths (all types).	Sinks.		Bath Heaters.			Coppers (complete).		
		Stainless Steel.	Other.	Solid Fuel.	Gas.	Electric.	Solid Fuel.	Gas.	Electric.
Year—				Number.					
1938-39	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
1946-47	6,069	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
1947-48	35,219	13,079	*	35,696	28,337	7,375	*	*	*
1948-49	44,106	13,683	32,173	42,801	18,042	5,620	57,345	25,320	10,628
Month—									
1948—July	3,795	1,299	3,451	4,378	3,416	394	2,828	2,226	1,345
Aug.	2,870	1,257	3,114	4,561	2,714	465	6,253	2,192	1,474
Sept.	4,061	1,226	2,901	4,539	1,794	488	3,822	2,446	1,285
Oct.	4,248	1,146	2,430	2,972	2,040	557	4,331	2,067	755
Nov.	4,326	1,306	2,244	1,853	1,014	432	5,727	1,812	585
Dec.	4,217	957	2,725	2,849	912	657	5,597	1,222	293
1949—Jan.	2,995	700	2,694	1,671	522	239	3,972	2,189	832
Feb.	3,173	895	2,309	2,199	830	473	3,092	2,189	832
Mar.	3,604	1,408	2,863	2,798	1,101	474	5,024	2,301	759
April	3,351	1,012	2,204	2,298	1,080	445	6,868	2,007	849
May	3,908	1,477	2,686	6,480	1,606	435	6,883	2,722	902
June	3,558	1,000	2,552	6,203	1,013	561	2,948	1,922	622

* Not available.

16. MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS—NEW SOUTH WALES—*continued.*

MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS.

Period.	Refrigerators—Household.			Wireless Cabinets.	Perambulators.
	Electric.	Gas.	Kerosene.		
Year—	Number.	Number.	Number.	Number.	Number.
1938-39 ... ..	.....	13,102.....	.....	133,760	42,282
1946-47	21,567	12,598	6,810	196,978	48,859
1947-48	31,415	25,591	9,195	213,226	56,201
1948-49	51,331	21,954	10,934	181,409	47,191
Month—					
1948—July	3,147	2,022	949	20,930	3,085
Aug.	3,831	1,848	808	20,022	3,387
Sept.	4,826	2,641	837	19,964	3,861
Oct.	5,139	2,008	703	14,381	3,243
Nov.	5,796	2,541	638	13,490	3,053
Dec.	5,096	2,645	269	11,342	3,766
1949—Jan.	3,743	1,814	513	7,294	3,493
Feb.	3,882	1,919	558	11,531	5,069
March	4,802	2,022	607	15,719	4,904
April	4,393	902	1,211	13,062	5,250
May	4,235	1,126	2,551	20,513	5,510
June	2,441	466	1,290	13,161	2,570

Period.	Mattresses.			Sulphate of Ammonia.	Sulphuric Acid.
	Spring.	Inner Spring.	Other.		
Year—	Number.	Number.	Number.	tons.	tons.
1938-39	79,140	17,407	*	20,960	85,501
1946-47	59,782	36,296	129,937	22,377	113,572
1947-48	59,491	52,582	181,078	24,611	111,101
1948-49	53,864	79,582	163,349	28,615	94,099
Month—					
1948—July	4,788	5,667	15,780	2,027†	7,680
Aug.	4,442	5,885	15,709	2,380†	7,930
Sept.	4,661	6,392	14,812	2,772†	8,210
Oct.	4,529	6,772	12,538	2,076†	8,085
Nov.	4,555	6,958	12,634	2,404†	6,962
Dec.	3,950	6,063	11,908	2,727†	8,713
1949—Jan.	2,918	4,202	9,177	2,413†	7,420
Feb.	4,752	6,518	12,179	2,267†	8,878
March	5,338	8,729	16,221	2,655†	8,117
April	4,053	6,804	13,212	2,099†	7,814
May	5,270	8,959	15,861	2,961†	8,143
June	4,608	6,633	13,318	1,834	6,147

* Not available.

† Revised.

Period.	Soap.			Soap Extracts and Powders.	Glycerine (Refined).
	Household.	Toilet.	Other.		
Year—	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
1938-39	321,957	107,390	58,345	60,102	18,964
1946-47	161,822	188,232	79,311	196,457	21,928
1947-48	217,042	224,716	114,802	279,058	20,019
1948-49	254,198	221,804	77,660	327,782	34,015
Month—					
1948—July	18,475	20,302	7,589	22,282	2,048
Aug.	20,133	18,561	6,597	19,686	2,455
Sept.	25,121	20,144	7,196	22,332	3,676
Oct.	30,748	22,378	6,934	32,971	3,979
Nov.	27,098	21,249	7,288	27,204	3,053
Dec.	24,224	20,583	5,294	27,235	3,220
1949—Jan.	16,373	14,761	4,580	23,102	1,750
Feb.	20,809	18,935	5,220	22,930	2,391
March	16,704	18,699	6,606	29,099	2,920
April	18,872	12,713	6,318	31,144	2,959
May	17,316	15,626	7,566	38,565	2,958
June	18,325	17,853	6,472	31,232	2,606

17. CONSUMPTION OF GAS AND ELECTRICITY.

Index of Monthly Sales of Gas and Electricity (Sydney).
(Based on number of units each equal to 3,412 British Thermal Units.)

Month.	Average, 1929 to 1931.	1929.	1932.	1936.	1939.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
January ...	100	103	93	110	125	164	155	173	165	170	198	218
February ...	100	105	95	112	125	159	161	174	181	201	208	227
March ...	100	102	95	111	130	164	165	171	185	199	212	231
April ...	100	104	96	110	125	164	162	172	189	198	218	222
May ...	100	106	95	110	128	166	172	178	192	198	203	229
June ...	100	103	99	114	131	174	176	176	197	208	214	189
July ...	100	105	97	112	134	171	177	184	195	212	199	
August ...	100	106	97	107	135	181	181	177	195	212	214	
September ...	100	108	97	113	134	171	172	180	201	214	223	
October ...	100	109	96	113	135	162	169	174	203	211	216	
November ...	100	109	97	116	136	164	171	179	200	214	226	
December ...	100	105	99	116	131	163	169	123	180	214	222	
Year ...	100	105	96	112	131	167	170	172	191	204	213	

The base for each month is the average sales in the corresponding month of the three years, 1929 to 1931.

18. PRICES OF METALS.

Average Monthly Prices of Metals (Export Parity f.o.b. Australia) in Australian Currency.

Period.			Silver (Standard).		Lead.		Zinc (Electrolytic).		Tin (Standard).		Gold (Fine).	
			per oz.		per ton.		per ton.		per ton.		per oz.	
			s.	d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1938 ...	...	...	2	0.14	17	12 11	19	12 10	228	11 10	8	17 1
1939 ...	...	...	2	1.42	17	12 1	19	15 3	268	3 6	9	14 4
1940 ...	...	...	2	2.95	18	14 6	22	9 11	292	19 8	10	13 1
1941 ...	...	...	2	4.26	19	11 4	22	12 11	295	1 6	10	13 8
1942 ...	...	...	2	4.66	21	9 9	22	2 11	285	9 1	10	9 1
1943 ...	...	...	2	4.63	22	19 2	23	15 2	283	1 6	10	9 0
1944 ...	...	...	2	4.63	26	3 0	24	9 4	335	7 2	10	10 1
1945 ...	...	...	2	10.59	34	10 10	37	6 4	350	9 0	10	13 10
1946 ...	...	...	4	8.02	56	8 6	55	0 2	414	19 0	10	15 3
1947 ...	...	...	4	4.27	90	2 0	67	6 4	505	12 2	10	15 3
1948 ...	...	...	4	11.18	111	4 11	77	2 0	657	14 2	10	15 3
1948—January ...	...	...	4	7.85	94	13 3	68	17 6	612	5 3	10	15 3
February ...	...	...	4	7.58	92	3 9	68	17 6	622	13 4	10	15 3
March ...	...	...	4	9.87	98	6 4	68	17 6	622	13 4	10	15 3
April ...	...	...	4	9.87	102	5 3	79	10 0	622	13 4	10	15 3
May ...	...	...	4	9.87	103	11 5	79	10 0	622	13 4	10	15 3
June ...	...	...	5	3.07	109	16 2	79	10 0	684	4 6	10	15 3
July ...	...	...	4	6.06	116	12 2	79	10 0	684	4 6	10	15 3
August ...	...	...	5	1.66	116	19 10	79	10 0	684	4 6	10	15 3
September ...	...	...	5	1.94	115	0 8	79	15 5	684	4 6	10	15 3
October ...	...	...	5	2.23	127	9 4	81	8 4	684	4 6	10	15 3
November ...	...	...	5	1.65	126	10 11	80	3 4	684	4 6	10	15 3
December ...	...	...	5	0.50	131	9 7	79	14 11	684	4 6	10	15 3
1949—January ...	...	...	4	9.61	140	1 8	119	15 0	684	4 6	10	15 3
February ...	...	...	4	10.76	140	2 10	119	13 5	683	16 5	10	15 3
March ...	...	...	4	10.76	133	16 8	119	9 2	683	16 5	10	15 3
April ...	...	...	4	11.92	108	8 7	110	3 11	683	16 5	10	15 3
May ...	...	...	*	*	*	*	109	0 0	683	16 5	10	15 3
June ...	...	...	*	*	*	*	109	0 4	683	16 5	10	15 3

* Comparable prices not yet available.

19. WHOLESALE TRADE.

Approximate Amount of Sales (N.S.W.) by Traders Registered under Sales Tax Acts.
Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.

Period.	1939.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
£ million.									
Year.	200'29	238'65	240'54	251'40	251'74	299'76	347'46	418'98	
January ...	13'24	18'69	17'18	18'01	18'62	17'62	21'70	25'22	32'21
February ...	16'54	19'39	21'60	20'48	21'48	21'72	26'28	30'33	39'63
March ...	15'78	19'53	19'44	18'00	21'75	22'33	24'22	33'20	35'65
April ...	15'79	19'19	21'88	21'63	20'81	26'88	27'32	33'82	39'94
May ...	17'46	20'72	19'56	21'45	22'24	25'21	30'33	35'61	42'28
June ...	14'88	18'93	20'91	20'67	19'40	23'58	27'98	34'69	
July ...	15'28	19'17	19'81	20'87	22'01	25'74	27'82	35'28	
August ...	16'81	20'86	18'75	23'82	20'22	28'74	32'11	39'71	
September ...	19'44	19'59	19'93	21'46	23'72	28'97	32'00	39'15	
October ...	19'22	22'06	20'80	21'82	22'36	26'56	30'89	37'48	
November ...	17'53	19'54	21'07	20'30	} 39'13 {	24'65	32'66	39'41	
December ...	18'32	20'98	19'61	22'84		27'76	34'15	35'08	

20. RETAIL TRADE.

Returns collected by the Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau in conjunction with the Commonwealth Bank from the principal Sydney stores indicate the following increases or decreases per cent. for periods shown below compared with corresponding periods of previous year:—

Period.	Number of Business Days in Period.		Net Sales (Value).	Value of Stock.	Wages and Salaries Paid.	Number of Employees.*	Three Monthly Moving Average ended month shown.	
	Previous Year.	Current Year.					Net Sales (Value).	Wages and Salaries Paid.
Year.	Percentage increase + or decrease —							
1939	303	303	+ 2'4	+ 2'0	+ 2'6	+ 0'9		
1940	303	305	+ 6'3	+ 17'0	+ 4'0	+ 1'9		
1941	305	304	+ 14'6	+ 8'0	+ 9'0	+ 4'0		
1942	304	303	— 5'3	+ 9'2	— 5'1	— 8'4		
1943	303	306	— 11'3	— 6'8	— 9'7	— 17'6		
1944	306	302	+ 3'2	— 0'2	— 4'6	+ 1'4		
1945	302	301	+ 15'8	+ 11'1	+ 6'7	+ 5'0		
1946	301	302	+ 32'2	+ 3'8	+ 28'0	+ 20'0		
1947	302	302	+ 18'7	+ 32'5	+ 21'5	+ 8'6		
1948	302	303	+ 16'3	+ 20'6	+ 20'6	+ 6'0		
1948.								
May	27	26	+ 11'9	+ 26'4	+ 20'3	+ 8'4	+ 21'8	+ 19'7
June	24	25	+ 9'7	+ 26'6	+ 23'5	+ 7'2	+ 18'5	+ 22'2
July	27	27	+ 30'4	+ 19'0	+ 19'8	+ 5'7	+ 16'4	+ 21'1
August	26	26	+ 19'3	+ 17'1	+ 23'8	+ 5'8	+ 19'1	+ 22'3
September	26	26	+ 1'9	+ 17'3	+ 19'6	+ 3'9	+ 15'6	+ 21'1
October	26	25	+ 4'2	+ 15'6	+ 16'7	+ 3'3	+ 8'3	+ 20'0
November	25	26	+ 19'8	+ 13'6	+ 20'9	+ 5'7	+ 8'2	+ 19'1
December	24	24	+ 15'5	+ 11'9	+ 22'5	+ 2'8	+ 13'1	+ 20'3
1949.	25	23						
January			+ 12'2	+ 11'1	+ 21'4	+ 2'3	+ 16'0	+ 21'7
February	24	24	+ 16'1	+ 7'7	+ 18'7	+ 2'9	+ 14'7	+ 21'0
March	24	27	+ 21'1	+ 7'2	+ 17'8	+ 2'0	+ 16'9	+ 19'3
April	25	22	+ 1'4	+ 6'1	+ 17'7	+ 1'5	+ 12'1	+ 18'1
May	26	26	+ 15'2	+ 5'7	+ 18'4	+ 3'3	+ 12'3	+ 18'0

* Further particulars of monthly employment in retail trade are shown in Table 1.

21. COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

YEAR ENDED JUNE.

Revenue.	1948.	1949.	Expenditure.	1948.	1949.
Taxes—	£ million.		Social Services*—	£ million.	
Customs and Excise ...	115'61	126'20	Invalid, Age Pensions ...	36'53	41'69
Sales	34'73	39'03	Widows' Pensions ...	3'90	4'39
Income and Social Services	232'90	272'34	Child Endowment ...	19'43	24'32
Payroll	16'59	19'80	Hospital Benefits ...	4'45	5'96
Estate	4'55	4'74	Other	4'31	4'42
Entertainments ...	5'20	5'30	Payments to States ...	22'07	25'12
Other	4'43	3'61	Tax Reimbursed to States	44'59	53'49
Total Taxes	414'01	471'02	Post Office†	40'43	53'47
Post Office	31'39	33'31	Other	80'39	102'20
Other	11'59	30'50	Defence and Post-War† ...	180'05	190'49
Primary Production—Self-balancing	8'91	19'33	Primary Production—Self-balancing	8'91	19'33
Total Revenue ...	465'90	554'16	Total Expenditure ...	445'06	524'88

*Actual expenditure from National Welfare Fund. † Omits special Credits from Trust Accounts of £18,733,000 in 1948-49. ‡ Includes Capital Works and Services (£8,260,000 in 1947-48 and £12,518,000 in 1948-49) and Debt Charges.

Expenditure from Loan Fund (on Works and Services), consisting of advances to States for Housing, amounted to £13,305,000 in 1947-48, and £14,498,000 in 1948-49.

22. N.S.W. GOVERNMENT—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

YEAR ENDED JUNE.

Revenue.	1948.	1949.	Expenditure.	1948.	1949.
	£ thousand.			£ thousand.	
From Commonwealth—			Interest, Exchange and Sinking Fund	16,844	17,192
Towards Interest ...	2,917	2,917	Less—Recoups from other Activities	1,816	1,637
Reimbursement of Taxes...	18,541	22,022	Net Debt Charges ...	15,028	15,555
Hospital Benefits ...	1,210	1,780	Other than Debt Charges—		
Admin. Price Control, etc.	...	218	Governmental	33,766	38,139
Stamp and Probate Duty ...	7,173	7,779	Business Undertakings ...	39,131	45,369
Other Taxes	2,104	2,514			
Land	2,355	2,561			
Services	2,285	2,887			
Other	4,511	5,460			
Total Governmental	41,096	48,138			
Business Undertakings ...	46,636	51,095			
Total Revenue ...	87,732	99,233	Total Expenditure ...	87,925	99,063

Loan expenditure on works and services during the year ended June was gross £22,960,900 and net (i.e., gross less repayments to loan account) £22,056,000 in 1949, compared with gross £16,241,000 and net £15,129,000 in 1948.

23. NINE TRADING BANKS—DEPOSITS AND ASSETS IN AUSTRALIA.

Deposits and assets in *Australia* of the nine banks which transact most of the private banking business in N.S.W. are shown below; the amounts are monthly averages of weekly figures.

Month.	Deposits.	Cash Items.*	Treasury Bills.	Government and Municipal Securities.	Special Deposits with Commonwealth Bank.	Advances, etc.
£ million.						
1939—June ...	318·0	28·6	23·9	22·1	.....	291·7
1940 " ...	345·4	31·1	38·3	43·7	.....	289·9
1941 " ...	360·0	33·3	36·1	61·9	.....	283·7
1942 " ...	387·9	40·4	39·6	56·3	36·4	268·3
1943 " ...	453·5	33·4	50·8	75·7	102·9	246·0
1944 " ...	534·5	38·0	55·4	89·1	182·8	221·8
1945 " ...	582·5	36·5	46·5	104·3	241·8	207·9
1946 " ...	627·1	32·3	40·0	122·7	258·5	224·3
1947 " ...	648·3	34·4	13·8	80·6	275·4	289·7
1948 " ...	716·8	45·6	19·1	59·5	293·0	348·8
1948—March ...	705·6	49·4	26·4	59·1	275·2	333·7
April ...	709·5	49·8	31·3	59·1	280·5	338·1
May ...	708·4	44·1	25·8	59·0	286·7	344·1
June ...	716·8	45·6	19·1	59·5	293·0	348·8
1949†—March ...	826·0†	47·7	28·4	64·9	365·1	360·0†
April ...	830·6	44·6	19·0	64·4	379·4	372·7
May ...	826·2	45·6	12·7	63·4	380·1	375·1
June ...	817·4	40·0	11·1	62·5	381·2	383·3

* Excluding London Funds.

† From January, 1949, certain banks made a technical change in method of compilation. This has the effect of reducing both deposits and advances (the amount was approx. £9 m. in January).

24. TRADING BANKS—DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES—N.S.W. AND AUSTRALIA

There are 14 trading banks in N.S.W., viz., 9 to which Table 23 relates, the Commonwealth Bank, Rural Bank and 3 oversea banks; four other banks operate in Australia but not in N.S.W.

Month.		Nine Trading Banks—N.S.W.				All Trading Banks.			
		Deposits.			Advances, etc.	New South Wales.		Australia.	
		Not Bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.		Deposits.	Advances, etc.	Deposits.	Advances, etc.
£ million.									
1946—June	...	163·1	74·1	237·2	90·6	}	*	}	*
1947—June	...	174·6	69·7	244·3	116·5				
1948—June	...	197·5	67·9	265·4	142·9				
October	...	207·0	71·1	278·1	150·7				
November	...	214·6	71·2	285·8	151·0	329·5	201·5	828·8	455·5
December	...	223·8	73·1	296·9	149·7	337·9	202·5	852·6	458·6
1949—January†	...	223·6	73·9	297·5	139·9	351·2	202·3	880·0	458·6
February	...	227·5	73·7	301·2	140·9	353·7	194·1	885·5	453·5
March	...	230·8	73·0	303·8	149·9	358·3	195·7	909·9	454·9
April	...	232·8	72·3	305·1	138·6	360·3	194·2	922·9	455·3
May	...	233·8	72·7	306·5	146·2	363·4	202·7	929·5	470·2
June	...	228·1	3·2	301·3	146·4	364·0	203·3	923·8	473·1
					150·4	358·5	208·6	914·8	482·9

* Comparable figures for "All Trading Banks" are not available prior to October, 1948.

† Not strictly comparable with December, 1948, and previous months. See note † Table 23.

25. SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

As at 30th June.	Amount on Deposit.	End of Month.	Amount on Deposit.				
			1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
	£ thous.				£ thousand.		
1938 ...	86,016	January	181,801	224,705	230,924	231,430	238,564
1939 ...	87,474	February	184,725	228,711	230,544	232,182	240,000
1940 ...	82,111	March	187,894	230,420	229,665	232,712	240,282
1941 ...	87,750	April ...	189,566	230,920	229,328	232,788	240,452
1942 ...	94,538	May ...	192,884	232,221	228,549	233,034	240,468
1943 ...	122,405	June*	198,203	236,242	231,368	230,964	244,483
1944 ...	162,867	July ...	200,932	237,305	231,530	237,265	
1945 ...	198,203	August ...	204,794	236,985	231,070	236,910	
1946 ...	236,242	September	207,520	235,806	232,654	237,246	
1947 ...	231,368	October	209,906	234,804	232,568	237,831	
1948 ...	236,964	November	214,806	233,006	231,775	238,031	
1949 ...	244,483	December	219,560	231,311	231,250	237,924	

* Including accrued interest credited in June, e.g., £3,882,000 in June, 1949.

SAVINGS CERTIFICATES: The net amount of Savings Certificates outstanding in New South Wales was £26,913,198 at 31st May, 1949. The issue of savings certificates ceased on 31st January, 1949.

26. INTER-BANK CLEARINGS (SYDNEY).

(Value of cheques drawn on a Bank other than the Bank in which they were Deposited.)

Month.	1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
	Amount—£ million.							Index Numbers.						
January ...	66.5	107.5	114.2	120.1	142.2	171.3	191.4	98	150	152	154	196	236	282
February ...	75.5	121.2	114.1	131.8	150.2	182.0	213.2	96	147	149	157	194	231	274
March ...	80.5	130.1	123.4	144.1	170.0	196.4	238.0	93	146	145	164	193	230	267
April ...	70.7	108.4	126.2	138.9	181.8	205.9	244.7	98	150	154	176	218	253	300
May ...	82.0	143.5	132.6	156.7	186.4	233.1	261.2	100	158	160	184	229	269	315
June ...	80.3	140.1	136.0	159.2	176.9	230.1	269.8	101	166	169	195	236	289	336
July ...	71.2	122.9	129.7	174.9	183.5	230.3	244.7	98	168	167	206	229	291	326
August ...	74.9	127.4	121.0	157.3	162.4	199.3		99	169	168	214	227	287	
September ...	74.9	120.9	123.4	159.4	177.0	229.7		99	163	166	217	232	293	
October ...	78.0	123.7	140.4	182.2	197.3	238.2		100	159	166	216	234	291	
November ...	86.1	126.3	129.7	164.1	203.8	237.2		102	153	164	211	243	298	
December ...	91.7	127.6	121.7	165.6	192.2	246.5		106	152	159	208	243	296	
Year ...	932.3	1499.6	1512.4	1854.3	2123.7	2600.0		100	156	160	196	226	277	

The index may be regarded as an approximate measure of changes in the volume of business transactions settled by cheques provided it is considered in conjunction with changes in price levels. It represents the ratio of each month's clearings to the average for the month concerned during the five years 1926-1930. This average is represented by 100 each month. Seasonal fluctuations have thus been eliminated. Casual fluctuations in monthly index numbers have been smoothed out by taking a three months' moving average, that is, the index shown above for each month is the average of the actual index of that month and the preceding two months. It may be compared vertically or horizontally.

The index is adjusted to eliminate the effects of Treasury Bill and other special transactions on behalf of Governments and the effects of bank amalgamations. No adjustment has been made for normal growth or change of price levels. The amounts of clearings shown are the recorded totals less Treasury Bill transactions only.

27. LIFE ASSURANCE—NEW POLICIES ISSUED (N.S.W.).

(Exclusive of Annuities.)

Period.	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.		Total Sum Assured.
	No. of Policies.	Sum Assured.	No. of Policies.	Sum Assured.	
		£		£	£
1939—Year ...	50,520	18,179,537	156,787	7,539,660	25,719,197
1944 „ ...	51,278	21,037,984	110,560	7,062,191	28,100,175
1945 „ ...	53,927	23,998,758	109,862	7,512,997	31,511,755
1946 „ ...	81,677	38,077,853	128,266	9,803,114	47,880,967
1947 „ ...	96,661	43,592,919	115,802	10,475,719	54,068,638
1948 „ ...	96,576	47,496,741	114,482	11,069,677	58,566,418
1948—Jan. to May	33,153	15,491,541	47,534	4,538,900	20,030,501
1949—Jan. to May	30,829	16,106,309	45,402	4,486,532	20,592,841
March ...	7,285	3,826,507	10,299	1,016,093	4,842,600
April ...	6,688	3,365,029	8,764	861,271	4,226,300
May ...	7,797	4,001,311	11,919	1,172,991	5,174,302

The operations of the Government Insurance Office of N.S.W. are included above.

28. NEW LOANS GRANTED BY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES (N.S.W.).

(Exclusive of advances of premiums.)

Period.	On Mortgage of Real Estate.	On Companies' Policies.	Other.	Total.
	£	£	£	£
1947—Year ...	2,799,175	788,685	1,452,174	5,040,034
1948 „ ...	5,828,463	861,255	2,539,578	9,229,296
1948—Jan. to May	2,181,901	322,647	891,231	3,395,779
1949—Jan. to May	2,699,088	343,398	963,167	4,005,653
March ...	573,179	73,659	196,969	843,807
April ...	458,468	60,000	207,654	726,182
May ...	586,089	92,437	238,384	916,910

The Government Insurance Office of N.S.W. is not included.

29. STOCK EXCHANGE INDEX (SYDNEY).

The following index of the values of the principal Company shares on Sydney Stock Exchange embraces the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales.

The prices of individual shares are unweighted, and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. The aggregate index is the average of all the shares included in the groups with the addition of 24 miscellaneous shares. There is no base period as the index represents the ratio per cent. of the average prices of ordinary shares to their par values, adjustment being made where capital is written off or bonus shares are issued.

Month.	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	8 Public Utility Companies.	5 Pastoral and Finance Companies.	5 Insurance Companies.	Total, 75 Companies.*	34 Active Shares included in foregoing.
1939—Aug. ...	212.6	168.2	156.0	118.2	263.9	174.4	181.9
1945—Sept. ...	242.7	207.8	170.8	146.7	264.6	195.8	210.3
1946—Dec.†	292.4	251.6	197.3	160.7	322.5	229.7	247.2
1948—Jan.†	361.4	315.5	184.7	191.7	407.8	271.5	283.7
July ...	363.4	322.1	175.0	185.2	409.2	267.6	280.0
Nov. ...	355.0	312.0	172.5	183.0	424.3	262.4	272.9
Dec. ...	351.7	301.0	172.6	180.6	431.0	259.4	268.2
1949—Jan. ...	354.8	295.7	172.5	182.2	438.5	259.5	269.7
Feb. ...	352.1	294.8	167.6	184.1	448.7	258.3	266.9
Mar. ...	345.1	288.3	165.2	180.6	464.1	254.6	262.2
April ...	338.8	286.9	160.7	171.0	466.5	250.7	255.8
May ...	340.8	283.2	158.8	177.1	469.5	251.4	256.5
June ...	326.9	274.4	153.1	171.7	462.3	242.4	246.4
July ...	323.6	271.4	153.5	173.5	456.1	239.7	244.2

* Including 24 Miscellaneous Companies. † Restrictions on trading and price movements in company shares were removed in January, 1947. ‡ Highest point recorded for the index of 75 companies.

30. INTEREST RATES PER CENT. (N.S.W.).

Period.	Private First Mortgages Registered.*		Yield on Commonwealth Government Securities.†		Trading Banks—Rates on Fixed Deposits.			
	Urban Securities.	Rural Securities.	Short- dated.	Long- dated.	3 Months.	6 Months.	12 Months.	24 Months. ‡
			Under 5 years ‡	10 years and over ‡				
Average for year—								
1938	5'4	5'0	3'38	3'76	2'00	2'50	2'75	3'00
1939	5'6	5'2	3'84	3'92	2'00	2'50	2'75	3'00
1940	5'6	5'1	3'14	3'30	1'58	2'08	2'33	2'58
			2 years §	12 years §				
1941	5'5	4'9	2'47	3'23	1'50	1'92	2'17	2'42
1942	5'4	4'9	2'45	3'24	1'29	1'54	1'79	2'04
1943	5'0	4'7	2'48	3'23	1'25	1'50	1'75	2'00
1944	5'0	4'4	2'45	3'24	0'79	1'04	1'40	1'90
1945	4'8	4'4	2'47	3'25	0'50	0'75	1'23	1'73 ‡
1946	4'5	4'3	1'90	3'24	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
1947	4'4	4'3	2'12	3'17	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
1948	4'4	4'3	2'27	3'16	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
Months—								
1948—June ...	4'4	4'3	2'34	3'16	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
September ...	4'4	4'3	2'13	3'15	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
December ...	4'4	4'3	2'13	3'16	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
1949—January ...	4'4	4'3	2'10	3'14	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
February ...	4'4	4'3	2'05	3'16	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
March ...	4'4	4'3	2'06	3'15	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
April ...	4'4	4'3	1'94	3'15	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
May ...	4'4	4'3	2'00	3'15	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
June ...	4'4	4'3	1'97	3'13	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50

* Weighted average rate of interest. Monthly rate is average of three months ended month shown.

† Compiled by Commonwealth Bank as at last Wednesday in month. Interest on securities is subject to Commonwealth Income Tax ‡ at rates not exceeding those in 1930, § at current rates.

‡ From December, 1945, rate on first £10,000 of deposits 1'50 per cent., on excess 1 per cent.

31. REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS (N.S.W.).

(Registered under Real Property Act and Registration of Deeds Act.)

Month	Consideration of Sales.						Mortgages Registered.*					
	1939.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1939.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
	£ thousand.											
January ...	2,449	1,786	2,246	4,576	4,895	4,749	1,591	608	1,268	1,858	3,671	2,199
February ...	2,438	1,999	2,357	4,729	4,825	4,475	1,841	593	1,179	2,031	2,400	2,838
March ...	3,623	2,059	2,726	4,395	4,640	6,242	2,225	688	1,047	2,005	2,441	3,477
April ...	2,245	1,663	3,832	3,593	5,244	5,192	2,025	526	1,431	1,674	2,551	2,529
May ...	3,090	2,204	4,697	4,763	5,137	5,674	2,112	606	1,641	2,299	2,266	3,104
June ...	2,613	2,373	3,593	4,617	4,911	6,086	1,658	864	1,708	2,079	3,550	3,785
July ...	2,919	2,726	4,005	5,335	4,617	7,022	1,950	902	1,622	2,484	2,244	3,816
August ...	3,068	2,238	5,670	5,346	5,137		2,770	861	2,352	2,085	2,307	
September ...	2,934	2,684	6,440	4,988	4,842		1,513	1,005	2,328	2,378	2,338	
October ...	2,330	3,260	5,826	4,843	4,904		1,713	1,128	2,161	2,641	2,560	
November ...	2,381	3,106	5,180	4,978	5,514		1,702	1,072	2,163	2,238	2,718	
December ...	2,067	2,195	4,105	5,061	4,796		1,344	899	2,473	2,220	2,417	
Year ...	32,157	28,293	50,677	57,224	59,462		22,444	9,752	21,373	25,992	31,463	

* Relating substantially to mortgages of fixed amounts for fixed periods, and excluding fluctuating advances (such as overdrafts).

32. LIENS ON CROPS AND WOOL AND MORTGAGES ON LIVESTOCK.*

(Registered under Liens on Crops and Wool and Stock Mortgages Act.)

	Month of July.			Seven Months ended 31st July.		
	Crops.	Wool.†	Livestock.†	Crops.	Wool.†	Livestock.†
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1947	48,621	236,935	143,545	597,630	1,302,618	944,306
1948	46,746	214,388	238,284	267,163	1,486,464	1,359,771
1949	26,411	363,186	264,291	172,172	1,742,362	1,609,389

* See note * under Table 31.

† Loans secured by both lien on wool and mortgage on sheep are included under both headings.

33. RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—SYDNEY.

(Base: Weighted Average for 6 Capital Cities in 1923-27 = 1,000.)

Quarter.	Food and Groceries.	Rent—4 and 5 Rooms.	Clothing.	Miscellaneous Items.	Total Household Expenditure.	
					Index Number.	Increase from Sept. Quarter, 1939.
						Per cent.
1939—September ...	930	1,039	841	939	933	...
1941—September ...	947	1,043	1,129	1,062	1,027	10·1
1942—September ...	1,061	1,042	1,337	1,105	1,122	20·3
1943—March* ...	1,050	1,042	1,408	1,145	1,141	22·3
June† ...	1,065	1,042	1,479	1,162	1,165	24·9
1944—June ...	1,025	1,043	1,437	1,172	1,143	22·5
1945—June... ...	1,040	1,043	1,410	1,163	1,141	22·3
1946—June... ...	1,042	1,043	1,510	1,171	1,165	24·9
September ...	1,032	1,043	1,537	1,168	1,167	25·1
December ...	1,047	1,043	1,555	1,175	1,177	26·2
1947—March ...	1,097	1,044	1,532	1,186	1,192	27·8
June ...	1,096	1,044	1,540	1,187	1,194	28·0
September ...	1,109	1,044	1,579	1,244	1,218	30·5
December ...	1,139	1,045	1,639	1,245	1,242	33·1
1948—March ...	1,192	1,046	1,674	1,247	1,270	36·1
June ...	1,235	1,046	1,748	1,267	1,305	39·9
September ...	1,279	1,047	1,811	1,279	1,337	43·3
December ...	1,326	1,047	1,831	1,279	1,359	45·7
1949—March ...	1,350	1,048	1,891	1,334	1,391	49·1
June ...	1,384	1,048	1,980	1,347	1,425	52·7

* Price stabilisation level.

† War-time peak.

34. BASIC WAGE—INDUSTRIAL AWARDS.

Amount per week—Adult Males.

Year.	Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong—Port Kembla.*				Crown Employees (All Districts).			
	February.	May.	August.	November.	February.	May.	August.	November.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1939† ...	81 0	82 0	81 0	82 0	80 0	80 0	80 0	80 0
1940 ...	82 0	83 0	85 0	85 0	81 0	81 0	83 0	84 0
1941 ...	88 0	88 0	89 0	89 0	86 0	87 0	87 0	88 0
1942 ...	91 0	93 0	95 0	97 0	90 0	92 0	94 0	96 0
1943 ...	98 0	98 0	100 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	99 0	98 0
1944 ...	99 0	99 0	99 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	97 0	98 0
1945 ...	99 0	98 0	98 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	97 0	97 0
1946 ...	99 0	99 0	100 0	{ 101 0 108 0†	98 0	98 0	99 0	{ 99 0 106 0†
1947 ...	108 0	110 0	110 0	112 0	107 0	108 0	109 0	111 0
1948 ...	114 0	116 0	120 0	122 0	113 0	115 0	118 0	121 0
1949 ...	124 0	127 0	130 0		123 0	126 0	129 0	

* In other districts, except Broken Hill, the rates were 3s. less. The rate at Broken Hill was 137s. in August, 1949.

† In 1939 quarterly variations commenced in March, June, September and December.

‡ Special increase 7s., December, 1946 (Interim judgment of Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration).

POPULATION—Estimated, 31st December, 1948:—New South Wales, Males, 1,531,990; Females, 1,530,354; Persons, 3,062,344—39·3 per cent. of population of Australia. Sydney and Suburbs (Census 30th June, 1947), 1,484,004.

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